GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3983
ANSWERED ON:17.08.2000
CONDUCTING OF ELECTION IN STATES
NITISH SENGUPTA;RATTAN LAL KATARIA

Will the Minister of LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) : whether the Election Commission of India has suggested that the election in the States should be conducted by placing the State temporarily under President`s rule;

(b) : whether the Election Commission has also suggested that while appointing the governors and care-taker Governments, the opposition parties should be taken into confidence; and

(c) : if so, the reaction of the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) AN MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (INDEPENDENT CHARGE). (SHR JAITLEY)

(a) and (c) : According to the Election Commission of India, the Chief Election Commissioner has on some occasions proposed for public debate, the idea that, if necessary, by suitable legal changes, an arrangement should be brought out, whereby once elections are announced, the State administration should be under the neutral control of the Governor to ensure a level playing field for various political parties. The Election Commission has, however, not sent any such proposal to the Government in this regard.

(b) : No, Sir, No such proposal has been received by the Government.